

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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Panchayat Development Index  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government publishes the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) on annual basis;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether any rankings have been given to various States, including Andhra Pradesh on the basis of PDI, if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether any suggestions were made to States to improve their index, if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

a) & b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been carrying out an annual study in the form of 'Panchayat Devolution Index' (PDI) from 2006 onwards, through independent institutions, to assess and rank each State in the matters of devolution of Funds, Functions and Functionaries to Panchayats.

c): Twenty six States including Andhra Pradesh and six Union Territories (UTs) participated in the study for the year 2015-16. The following States ranked higher on PDI were conferred citation awards on the National Panchayati Raj Day, 24th April, 2016.

Cumulative Devolution Index Awards

Name of State Rank

Kerala First

Maharashtra Second

Karnataka Third

Sikkim First among NE States and over all rank Sixth

Incremental Devolution Index Awards

Name of State Rank

Andhra Pradesh First

Sikkim Second

Odisha Third

Ranking of States having Fifth Scheduled Areas

Name of State Rank

Gujarat First

Madhya Pradesh First

d): MoPR has written to all States/UTs covered under Part IX of the Constitution in June 2015 to set up an Expert Group consisting of professionals, experts from different fields, officials and senior political leaders with experience in Panchayati Raj to assess the level of decentralization and performance of Panchayats in the State and prepare a roadmap for the future in harmony with the State's policies and priorities.

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